

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2677, U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

House Committees ordered reported 27 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2701–2715, S. Res. 413–414, and S. Con. Res. 129–130.

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Measures Passed:

U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act: By 85 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 159), Senate passed S. 2677, a bill to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement.

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Cape Town Treaty Implementation Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4226, to amend title 49, United States Code, to make certain conforming changes to provisions governing the registration of aircraft and the recordation of instruments in order to implement the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, known as the “Cape Town Treaty”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Emergency Food and Shelter Act: Senate passed S. 2249, to amend the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to provide for emergency food and shelter.

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Recognizing Warsaw Uprising: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 125, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising during World War II, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Human Trafficking and Slavery: Senate agreed to S. Res. 414, encouraging States to consider adopting comprehensive legislation to combat human trafficking and slavery and recognizing the many efforts made to combat human trafficking and slavery.

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Blakely v. Washington Decision: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 130, expressing the sense of Congress that the Supreme Court of the United States should act expeditiously to resolve the confusion and inconsistency in the Federal criminal justice system caused by its decision in *Blakely v. Washington*.

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Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 22, 2004, with the time until 11 a.m., equally divided by the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary; following which, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

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Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard A. Griffin, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of July 21, 2004, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 22, 2004.

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Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David W. McKeague, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of July 21, 2004, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 22, 2004.

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Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol to Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment with declarations (Treaty Doc. 108–10).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement.

Thomas Fingar, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

Robert Clark Corrente, of Rhode Island, to be United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lloyd O. Pierson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Lloyd O. Pierson, an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2009.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—159) **Page S8510**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 22, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8574.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Vice Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, for appointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Northern Command/Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command; Lieutenant General Bantz J. Craddock, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Southern Command; Peter Cyril Wyche Flory, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, and Valerie Lynn Baldwin, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, who was introduced by Senator Roberts, and Representatives Hobson, and Jerry Lewis, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NMS AND MARKET STRUCTURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulation of the national market system and developments in market structure, focusing on proposals to modernize the national market system to improve the regulatory structure of U.S. equity markets, after receiving testimony from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Robert Greifeld, NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., David F. Harris, American Stock Exchange, LLC, Edward J. Nicoll, Instinet Group, Inc., and John Thain, New York Stock Exchange, Inc., all of New York, New York; and Gerald D. Putnam, Archipelago Holdings, LLC, Chicago, Illinois.

PUBLIC LANDS/NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a